

# GRAUSTARK

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1971EC "Fall 1907"

ENGLISH TAKE MARSEILLES-THE HARD WAY

Following "Spring" moves, Russia retreated A Gal-Ukr. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Lipton): A Bur-Mar; A Gas S A Bur-Mar; F Wos S A Gas-Spa [sic]; A St.P-Mos; F Tun-Ion; F Naf-Tun; F Bar-St.P(n.c.); F Mid-Spa(s.c.).

FRANCE (Nozik): A Mar-Pic; A Spa holds; A Por S A Spa.

GERMANY (Berman): A Pic-Ven; A Tyr-Tri; A Boh-Vie; A Gal S A Boh-Vie; A Liv-War; A Sil S A Liv-War; A Par S ENGLISH A Gas; F Bal-Pru.

ITALY (Warden): F Tus-Lyo; F Ion S F Tyr-Tun [sic; no such unit exists]; F Tyr-Tun; F Gre holds; A Con S A Ank; A Ank S A Con; A Ven-Tyr; F Nap not ordered, holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Bell): A Ser-Bud; A Tri-Tyr; F Bul(s.c.)-Aeg; A Vie S A Tri-Tyr.

RUSSIA (Barents): A War-Gal; A Ukr S A War-Gal; A Mos-War; F Rum holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The French A Mar and the German A Gal are annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bre, Edi, Liv, Lon, Mar,

Mwy, St.P, Swe, Tun. (9)

FRANCE: Por, Spa. (2)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun, Par, War. (8)

ITALY: Ank, Con, Gre, Nap, Rom, Smy, Ven. (7)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Ser, Tri, Vie. (5)

RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, Sev. (3)

England and Germany may each build one unit, and Russia must remove one. The deadline for these "Winter 1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER 1972.

Two players have new addresses:  
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RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE BOGS DOWN

ENGLAND (Lipton): F Nrg-Nth; F Nth-Lon; F Liv-Cly.

FRANCE (Warren): F Eng-Mid; A Gas-Spa; A Pic-Bre; A Bur-Par.

GERMANY (Turpin): No moves received. F Hol, A Ruh, & A Mun hold.

ITALY (Childers): A Tyr S GERMAN A Mun; A Ven S A Tyr; F Alb-Ion; F Adr-Apu.

RUSSIA (Atteberry): F Mid-Por; A Kie, A Nwy, A Tri, & F Bul(c.c.) hold; F St.P(n.c.) S F Nwy; A Den & A Ber S F Kie; A Sil-Mun; A Boh S A Sil-Mun; A Vie & A Bud S A Tri; A Rum S F Bul(c.c.); A Sev-Arm; F Bla S A Sev-Arm.

TURKEY (Blandin): F Gre-Aeg; A Con holds; A Ank S A Con; A Arm-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey must retreat A Arm-Smy or -Syr, or remove the unit. The direction of this retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1906" moves, which may be made conditional on it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon. (3)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Mar, Par, Spa. (5)

GERMANY: Hol, Mun. (2)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)

RUSSIA: Ber, Bud, Bul, Den, Kie, Mos, Nwy, Rum, St.P, Ser, Sev, Swe, Tri, Por, Vie, War. (16)

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Gre, Smy. (4)

France and Russia may each build one unit, and Germany must remove one.

The deadline for these "Winter 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER 1972.

There is presently no standby in 1972G, but Michael Stroz is hereby drafted from 1972A for the purpose. (See #271 for his address.) He should send in a stand-by removal for Germany in this game.

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AUSTRIA-HUNGARY THWARTS TURCO-RUSSIAN ONSLAUGHT

ENGLAND (Lipson): F Liv-Nat; F Lon-Nth; F Edi S F Lon-Nth; F Bal S F Lon-Nth; F Swe-Ska.

FRANCE (Powell): No moves received. F Eng, F Bre, F Lyo, & F Wes hold.

GERMANY (Huddleston): F Nth-Nwy; A Den-Swe; F Bot & F Bal S A Den-Swe; A Hol-Bel; A Pru S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A War.

ITALY (Tretick): F Nap-Tyr; F Tun S F Nap-Tyr; A Rom-Nap.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Honig): A Tri S A Bud; A Ven, A Vie, & A Bud S A Tri; A War holds.

RUSSIA (De Prisco): A Fin-Nwy; F Bar S A Fin-Nwy; A Liv-War; A War S A Liv-War [sic; no such unit exists]; A Ser S TURKISH F Alb-Tri; A Mos not ordered, holds.

TURKEY (Murray): A Rum-Ukr; A Bul-Rum; F Alb-Tri; F Adr S F Alb-Tri; F Gre-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German F Nth must retreat to Yor, Nrg, Den, Hol, or be removed. This move should be sent in BY IMMEDIATE RETURN AIR MAIL, and other players will be informed. "Fall 1906" moves may be made conditional on the direction of this German retreat. The deadline for "Fall 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER 1972.

BLACK FOREST (March 15, 1906): Richard Niksohn, visiting royalty from Amerika 1972 and local agent of the lord Saurohn, has offered Kaiser Gutgulf the services of his lord in the war against the English infidels. Albeit hesitant to accept such aid (association with Niksohn and Saurohn is said to warp the mind, along with other harmful side effects), Gutgulf noted that they are fitting partners to pit against the recently acquired allies of England (word has it that King Lipson followed the advice of his disgruntled subjects, went to the suggested place, and enlisted the aid of the hordes of Hades).

Gutgulf, however, complained that Lipson's terms of allegiance were much less demanding than his own; whereas Lipson was required only to sign a standard lease on his karma, Gutgulf must wear two tokens of his new allies: a Spiro T. watch, noted for putting its foot in its mouth every hour, and a cheap ring with a tendency to become invisible.

NOTE: Michael Stroz, the stand-by in this game, is asked to send in "Fall 1906" moves for France. His address is in #271.

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THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Fred Winter, publisher of Carbon 13, has moved; his new address is Room 18, Alpha Delta Phi House, 640 N. Henry St., Madison, Wisc. 53703. R. J. De Jonghe, formerly Germany in 1972G, has also moved, and is now at Apt. 105, 1 Susan Lane, Lexington Park, Md. 20653. And a new postal Diplomacy 'zine, Arrakis, has been started by John Leader, Box 1606, Huntsville, Ontario. Game fees will be \$4 per player. Leader is also starting a pun contest.

Hitherto famous only for its frog, Salome, Arizona is now the home of a postal Diplomacy 'zine. It's Ipomoca, published by John F. Lawrey Jr., P. O. Box 86, Salome, Ariz. 85348. The game fee is \$3; subscriptions are free to players and 8 for \$1.50 for others.

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### AUSTRIANS RETAKE VENICE

ENGLAND (Abbott): A St. P S RUSSIAN A Mos; F Nth-Nwy; A Hol-Kie; F Hol S A Hol-Kie; F Bel holds; F Eng-Nth; F Mid-Eng; F Tyr S ITALIAN F Nap; F Tun-Ion; F Wes S F Tyr.

FRANCE (Lipson): A Bro-Gas; A Ven holds; A Pie S A Ven; F Lyo-Mar.

GERMANY (Fong): No moves received. A Sil, A Par, A Mun, & A Bur hold.

ITALY (Ricci): A Rom S F Nap; F Nap S A Rom.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Prosnitz): A Tyr-Ven; A Tri S A Tyr-Ven; F Gre S TURKISH F Aeg-Ion; A War S TURKISH A Sev-Mos; A Vic-Boh; A Gal S A War.

RUSSIA (Pearson): No move received. A Mos dislodged and annihilated.

TURKEY (Osmanson): F Ion holds; F Aeg S F Ion; F Bla-Con; A Sev-Mos; A Ukr S A Sev-Mos; F Apu S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tyr-Ven.

Underlined moves are not possible. France must retreat A Ven-Tus or remove the unit; orders for this army must be sent in as quickly as possible. Other players may make their "Winter 1906" builds or removals dependent upon the disposition of this dislodged French unit. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Nwy, St. P, Swc, Tun. (11)

FRANCE: Bro, Mar, Por, Spa. (4)

GERMANY: Bor, Mun, Par. (3)

ITALY: Nap, Rom. (2)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Ven, Vic, War. (7)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Mos, Rum, Sev, Smy. (7)

England, Turkey, and Austria-Hungary may each build one unit, and Germany must remove one. Russia has lost its last supply center and is out of the game. David Ayres, whose address appears in #271, is asked to send in a stand-by "Winter 1906" removal for Germany.

### THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Our condolences go to Conrad von Metzke, one of the founding fathers of postal Diplomacy, for his recent personal tragedies: the death of his father and the break-up of his marriage.

Robert E. Johnson, P. O. Box 134, Whippany, N. J. 07981, is fond of putting v-e-r-y long titles on his wargaming 'zines. Write him for postal Origins and Diplomacy 'zines. In the last issue of Gaillardia he also plugs a game called Midgard 2, "a science-fiction game midway between medieval Europe and Faeryland", particularly recommended for the fans of L. Sprague de Camp's fantasy tales. For information about it, write to Tom Drake, #4K USU Apts., Logan, Utah 84321; enclosed 10¢ for postage.

### THE RIP-OFF ROLL - VI

In addition to the con artists you were warned about in GRAUSTARK #273, a few others are still loose. Paul Rubin's Vulcan hasn't appeared in 11 months, and Tony Pandin's plan to reprint all the postal Diplomacy games ever played got bogged down almost as long ago. Yet subscriptions are still I am informed, being solicited.

John McCallum writes that he believes Gary Jones is dead. This is the first I've heard of it, and considering the fervor with which creditors were on the "late" Rev. Jones' trail, I can understand how he would wish it to be believed. But I doubt it greatly.

In Bob Johnson's 'zine mentioned above, he complains that Larry Poory's private Diplomacy club, IDA, hasn't published a thing in months. I don't want to say, "I told you so" - But I told you so!

"Spring 1907"

## RUSSIAN TROOPS CROSS RHINE!

ENGLAND (Trtek): F Nat-Nrg; A Nwy S A Den-Swe; A Den-Swe; F Nth S A Nwy;  
F Hel-Den; A Kie S F Hel-Den; A Hol S A Kio; F Bre-Mid; F Eng S F  
Bre-Mid.

FRANCE (Hendry): F Por-Spa(s.c.).

GERMANY (Tesser): A Par holds.

ITALY (Horton): A Ser-Tri; F Spa(s.c.)-Mid; F Lvo-Spa(s.c.); A Mar S RUS-  
SIAN A Mun-Bur; F Rom-Tus; F Nap-Tyr; F Ion-Tun; F Gre-Aeg; A Ven-Pie.

RUSSIA (P. Wood): A St.P-Fin; F Bal-Swe; F Bar-Nrg; A Mos-St.P; A War-Sil;  
A Sev-Mos; A Bul-Con; F Ank S A Bul-Con; A Bud-Vie; A Rum-Bul; A Mun-  
Bur; A Sil-Mun; A Ber S A Sil-Mun.

TURKEY (Drakert): F Smy holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1907"  
moves is NOON, SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER 1972.

## 1971EB - LATE PRESS RELEASES

MONDON (IDE, Oct. 1, 1907): It was decreed today that a state of war  
exists between the people of England and the leaders of France. This un-  
fortunate occurrence has been the sum of mounting problems in communication

This is and understanding between the two powers. It appears that  
the French were operating under the notion of an alliance as  
something by which to defeat an enemy and hinder a friend.  
O At The English no longer holding to such definitions, will not  
P Great tolerate said beliefs.  
E Intervals  
R This EDinburgh (IDE, Oct. 7, 1907): On the 23rd birthday of  
A Appears the royal lady, it was rumored to be the hope that peace  
T To will come between all European powers. But, it was equally  
I Inflame hopes that the peace will come after "we enjoy the wonderful  
O Optic tactical problems caused by the current war festering in the  
N Nerves west."

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## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

John J. Beshara, Chairman of The Diplomacy Association, announces  
that all members should now have received the 22-page issue of Wazir #4.  
A limited supply of this issue is available to new members for \$1.00.  
TDA's membership fee remains the usual and nominal dollar. Checks should  
be made payable to THE DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION and mailed to Beshara at Apt.  
1021, 155 West 68th Street, New York, N. Y. 10023. Though publication of  
Wazir is suspended, it is hoped another robust issue will be published  
this year.

For further information about TDA and Wazir, see p. 6. There you  
will also find an announcement of a 7-game postal Diplomacy tournament  
now in process of organization.

During the 1960's, though prisoners of war were being taken in Indo-  
China in much greater numbers than at present, the US government did not  
too much concern itself with their plight. But now that no other motive  
for continuing the war can be made convincing, the plight of US prisoners  
in northern Vietnam has become of overwhelming importance to the Nixon ad-  
ministration.

However, this week's events indicate that, though the Hawks may try to  
make political advantage, the Doves are the ones who can actually get these  
men back. It is the David Dellingers and not the Richard Nixons who are  
really bringing the prisoners home. We Americans are a pragmatic people,  
and accept results rather than rhetoric. This lesson will not be lost.

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## ENGLISH GAIN ON LAND, LOSE AT SEA

ENGLAND (Birsan): A Liv S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Gal-War; A Kie-Mun; F Pru-Ber; F Bal S F Pru-Ber; F Bot S A Liv; F Eng-Bel; F Nth & F Hol S F Eng-Bel; F Mid-Spa(s.c.).

FRANCE (Holcombe): F Bre-Mid; A Gas-Spa; A Mun-Ruh; A Bur S A Bel; A Tyr-Mun; F Spa(s.c.)-Por; F Wes S F Bre-Mid; F Nap holds; F Ion-Tun; A Bel holds.

ITALY (Brooks): A Ven holds; F Smy S F Con; F Con S F Smy.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): A Gre S F Bul(s.c.); F Bul(s.c.) S A Gre; A Alb-Ser; A Bud-Vie; A Tri S A Bud-Vie; A Rum-Sev; A Gal-War.

RUSSIA (O'Neil): F Ela holds; A War-Mos; A Ber-Kie; A Arm-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. England must retreat F Mid-Nat, -Tri, -Eng, or -Naf; France must retreat A Bel-Pic; and Russia must retreat A Ber-Sil. (Any of these players may instead remove his dislodged unit.) These players, and particularly Edi Birsan, should send in the retreats as quickly as possible so that other players can be informed. Players may make their "Winter 1907" builds or removals conditional on the directions of these retreats. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Ber, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, ITALY: Con, Smy, Vie. (3)

Lon, Nwy, St.P, Swe. (11)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Rum, Ser,

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Muh, Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun. (9)

Tri, Vie, War. (8)

RUSSIA: Ank, Mos, Sev. (3)

England may build two new units, and Austria-Hungary may build one. Russia and France must each remove one unit. (These numbers may be changed if some players choose to remove dislodged units.) The deadline for "Winter 1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER 1972.

John O'Neil wishes to inform his allies that he missed "Spring 1907" moves because GRAUSTARK #272 never reached him.

1971BG

"Spring 1905"

## GORY ACTION — AT LAST!

ENGLAND (Lipson): F Cly-Nat; F Iri-Mid; A Wal-Bre; F Eng C A Wal-Bre; F Nth-Bel.

FRANCE (Turpin): F Mid S A Bre; A Gas-Par; A Bre S A Gas-Par; A Bur-Mar.

GERMANY (Schleicher): F Den holds; F Hol-Bel; A Pic S ENGLISH A Wal-Bre; A Ruh-Bur; A Mun S A Ruh-Bur.

ITALY (Burley): A Tus-Pie; A Ven-Tri; F Adr S A Ven-Tri; F Apu-Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Berman): A Mar holds; A Tri-Ser; A Tyr-Ven; A Rum-Bud.

RUSSIA (Phillips): F Sev-Arm; A Mos-Sev; A Ukr-Rum; A Gal S A Ukr-Rum.

TURKEY (Nierenberg): F Ion holds; F Alb S ITALIAN A Ven-Tri; A Ser-Bud; A Bul-Ser; F Bla-Bul (e.c.).

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats A Bre-Gas; A Bur is annihilated. Austria-Hungary retreats A Tri-Vie; A Rum is annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is 6 PM, MONDAY 16 OCTOBER 1972. These moves will be published in GRAUSTARK #275 on 21 October.

# DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION'S FIRST POSTAL DIPLOMACY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNEY

1. Forty-nine entries will be seeded into seven games. The purpose of seeding the players is to divide, as equally as possible, the strongest players among the seven games, to avoid having any two players from the same area and to avoid collusion. Each of the winners of the seven games will then compete in the finals for the honor of being Diplomacy's World Champion.
2. There will be one or more additional games to provide alternate winners to play in the finals, if there are stalemates in any of the first seven games, and to be standbys in the finals.
3. Rules: (1) The rules will be essentially those of the 1971 Rulebook with some variations. (2) Anyone is eligible to compete. (3) There will be at least one standby player for each game. (4) The games will be conducted in Atlantis by Gamesmaster Chris Schleicher. (5) In the event of any disputes, clarifications, or modifications of any nature during the contest, the final arbiter will be the Chairman of the Board of THE DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION, John J. Beshara.
4. Prizes: (1) Winners of all games and the best player in all stalemated games receive their choice of a wargame manufactured by Games Research Inc., through the courtesy of its President, John R. Moot. (2) For the World Champion, a beautiful, engraved trophy donated by John Beshara; a free entry in one game each in GRAUSTARK, Liaisons Dangereuses, Atlantis, and Erechwon given by John Boardman, Len Lakofka, Chris Schleicher, and Rod Walker respectively; a free entry in the next Hoosier Archives multiple winner trophy game, courtesy of Walt Buchanan; a one year subscription to Boast and Stench given by Herb Barents; plus valuable surprise prize donated by THE DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION. (3) Herb Barents is giving the runner-up a one year subscription to Boast and is also giving a free game in Boast to the first player eliminated in each of the first seven games, "so losers may be winners too". Walt Buchanan is also giving a one year subscription to Hoosier Archives to the best over-all player in the alternate games. John Boardman is also giving a one year subscription to GRAUSTARK to the best player in any of the first seven games that are stalemated. Chris Schleicher is also giving a one year subscription to Atlantis to the best standby player in the first seven games.
5. Entry fees: \$7 per game for players. \$5 per game for standbys. Entry fees include a subscription to Atlantis until the conclusion of all games in the tournament for which an entry fee is paid. When all games are filled, players paying an entry fee of \$7 will automatically be allocated standby positions, if openings are still available, and will be refunded \$2. Subscription rates: \$5 for all games in the first round or \$10 for the entire tournament; subscribers may assume standby positions, if openings become available. Checks must be made payable to Chris Schleicher but must be mailed to John Beshara, 155 West 68th Street, New York, N. Y. 10025. Players should include a listing from 1 through 7 of their country preference.

(THE DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION is not liable for the failure of the publisher, or those donating prizes, to fulfill their commitments.)

The above announcement is reprinted from WAZIR #4, the latest issue of the official organ of THE DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION. This organization of postal and over-the-board Diplomacy fans assists new players to get started in the game. WAZIR #4 contains an article on the design of the game-board by Diplomacy inventor Allan B. Calhamer, a continuation of the discussion on stalemate positions, an interpretation of the convoy rules (which often present puzzles to new players), and an article on "Fallacies of Ratings and Polls" by Dick Miller. TDA membership, which includes a subscription to WAZIR, is \$1 from John Beshara (address above).



"THE WITCHES ARE COMING! THE WITCHES ARE COMING!"

"You shall not allow a sorceress to live." - Exodus 22:18

"Witchcraft actually did exist and was widely practiced in seventeenth-century New England." - Chadwick Hansen, Witchcraft at Salem, 1969

By the beginning of the eighteenth century, educated opinion in Europe was beginning to reject the fanciful tales of witchcraft which had until then been widely believed. The entire apparatus of pacts with the devil, spells to dry up cattle or unman males, and orgies on mountaintops on Walpurgisnacht was banished to fantasy fiction, the stage, and murmurings around peasant firesides on stormy nights.

The present-day reaction against technological civilization has seen some pretty wild manifestations, ranging from tribal communes through "ecology" to Creative Anachronism. But the wildest is a revival of belief in witchcraft - and in, of all places, the armed forces of the United States and its subject allies. On 14 June 1972 the United States Air Force was sued by a female lieutenant who had been dismissed for witchcraft. (New York Times, 15 June 1972) Erika Uehlinger's alleged practice of witchcraft was one item cited in "alleging her unfitness as an officer". The commander of the Texas air base where she was stationed, Major Roger Bell, gave his evidence for this charge in the following words: "It was generally known here that she professed witchcraft."

The whole thing apparently started when Lieut. Uehlinger "filed a long report to the inspector general alleging security violations, improper management and unsanitary living conditions at the base".

However, if the armed forces believe in witchcraft the next step is to put it to military use. This is presently being tried by the 54th Infantry Brigade of the "Cambodian" Army trained and paid by the United States for service against Prince Sihanouk, that country's Prime Minister. Captain Mam Prom Mony, who for 25 years was a Buddhist monk, is training these Cambodians "how to use charms and spells to ward off enemy bullets". This officer is confident of victory, saying that "The other side has recruited village witch doctors, but the Communists don't have any leading magicians in their ranks." (New York Times, 13 August 1972) This belief in the military efficacy of witchcraft and astrology runs all the way up to Lon Nol, the American straw boss in Phnompenh and ruler of as much of Cambodia as his army physically covers. "Several of Lon Nol's closest army companions, reliable informants say, have undergone minor surgery to have diamonds, sapphires, and rubies as well as small gold pins implanted under their skin. Others wear diamond rings, believing that precious stones are powerful talismans against enemy bullets."

However, this new sort of American war effort might run into trouble with fundamentalist religion, previously a major support of the war policy. An evangelist named Morris Cerullo has set up a "witchmobile" which will tour the country trying to dissuade young people from practicing witchcraft. (New York Times, 6 August 1972) According to Cerullo, "at least 10 million Americans dabble in the occult and...100,000 more worship the devil". His group, "World Evangelism Inc.", will try to stem this tide by displaying such diabolical devices as "voodoo oils, a Satanic altar, a goat's hoof", etc. Coming in November is a book, called The Backside of Satan.

Sometimes this tomfoolery tries to disguise itself in 20th-century language by calling itself "parapsychology". It is in this guise that it is being promoted by one of the leading intellectual vagabonds of our time, Arthur Koestler. Koestler made his name about 30 years ago by writing a book, Darkness at Noon, which has achieved in anti-Communist mythology the same status that Fanny Hill has in pornography. Darkness at Noon is carefully compounded of all the ingredients calculated to appeal to readers fearful of sinister international conspiracies - the underground dungeon,

the brutal interrogator, the "soft" interrogator (from which O'Brien in 1984 was obviously copied), and a trial scene. Darkness at Noon did for anti-Communism what The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion had done for anti-Semitism, and Koestler's career was made.

His other triumphs were of a comparable character. Just after the founding of Israel he went there, and endeared himself to its inhabitants by urging that they abandon Hebrew, or at least "Latinize" its alphabet. He wrote a biography of the 16th-century astronomer Johann Kepler which was generally condemned by scientists as missing several points about Kepler's life and work.

Now, with the publication of his latest book The Roots of Coincidence, Koestler seems to have broken out in a new place. Picking up from a biography of the pseudoscientific faker Paul Kammerer, who forged "evidence" for the inheritability of acquired characteristics, he comes out for the Lamarck-Kammerer-Lysenko notions and against a bogeyman which he is pleased to call "neo-Darwinism". He peddles the belief that modern physics offers a rationalization for "Extra-Sensory Perception", and then goes off into private musings about "self-transcending emotions", "sub-wholes" and "holons", and a lot of cheapjack mysticism.

Christopher Lehmann-Haupt, who reviewed this farrago in the New York Times of 11 August 1972, seems to hold a widespread belief that "experiments...have demonstrated beyond a statistical doubt that...people communicate telepathically with each other". For the facts in the case, it is necessary to peer behind the public-relations efforts of the advocates of latter-day witchcraft, and check Daniel Cohen's summation of the evidence in his Myths of the Space Age. Cohen demonstrates that there is actually very little serious research on "parapsychology", and that even among psychologists its acceptance is infinitesimal.

This, of course, is not going to stop either the proponents or the opponents of the "witchcraft" revival.

#### THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

"McGovern, who talks like a preacher and acts like a politician, is no match for Nixon, who talks like a tape recorder and acts like a terminal disease; and Sargent Shriver, who talks like a schoolteacher and acts like a sycophant, is no match for Agnew, who talks like a bombardier and acts like a bomb." - Tom Topor, New York Column, 10 September 1972

"Ever-alert, Tin Pan Alley has come up with 'The Ballad of Bobby Fischer'. The song has been recorded by Jim Glazer and The Fianchetto Bandits and is being merchandized through chess magazines." - Irwin Silber, Guardian, 13 September 1972

The attempt to bring American-style democracy to Vietnam has just scored another triumph. President Thieu has, by decree, abolished the popular election of village officials. From now on they will be appointed by province officials, themselves Thieu's appointees. (New York Times, 7 September 1972)

The ineffable arrogance of Dr. M. T. Mehdi, secretary-general of the Action Committee on American-Arab Relations, has surfaced again. After 11 Israeli athletes, including one born in Cleveland, were murdered by Arabian fanatics, the Governor of Ohio ordered flags flown at half-staff in that state. This, according to a telegram of protest by Dr. Mehdi, was "ridiculous and insulting to all the people of Ohio and America at large". (New York Post, 8 September 1972)

"In a popularity poll staged by Madame Tussaud's in London, Dracula tied for fifth place in the 'hate and fear' section with Mr. Enoch Powell." - London Daily Mirror



Some union friends have tried to tell me that the AFL-CIO support of the war is a personal aberration of George Meany, and does not mean that the whole organization which he heads is militaristic. However, they are contradicted by John Griner, president of the American Federation of Government Employees and a member of the AFL-CIO's executive board.

In April 1971, several locals of the AFGE in the Washington area voted to join a peace march. Griner came down hard. He ordered these locals to expunge their resolutions of support, and gave them 90 days to do so. Three of those locals refused his ultimatum, and were placed in "receivership". (FEP Newsletter, Federal Employees for Peace, June 1972, with thanks to Terry Kuch)

"At a dinner party in a beautiful old house on the road to Versailles, this terribly rich and charming American woman, married to an Austrian nobleman, overheard me saying kind words about Sen. McGovern and interposed: 'But you can't be for that awful man! Why, if he's elected he'll cut off all my loopholes and my husband will leave me. He only married me for my money, you know.'" - Herb Caen

"For as much as the wearing of long hair, after the manner of ruffians and barbarous Indians, has begun to invade New England, we, the magistrates, do declare and manifest our dislike and detestation against the wearing of such long hair as against a thing uncivil and unmanly whereby men do deform themselves and do corrupt good manners." - the Magistrates of Portsmouth, N. H., 1649. (Irwin Silber, Guardian, 23 May 1970)

Here in Brooklyn, on the corner of 5th Avenue and 79th Street, there is an office whose sign proclaims "Atlantis Real Estate".

New ground is being broken in political invective this year. Just to see whether you're up on it, what official of the United States government said of Senator McGovern:

"We are faced with an onerous task like catching a mad dog and putting him in a cage for mad dogs or kill him by bashing his brains in..." ? (The answer will appear in the next issue.)

The government of Rhodesia is getting tired of being condemned in the world press as "racist", and so recently the Information Department invited a party of foreign journalists to tour African areas to see how non-whites live there. One of this party, an African, was refused service on the veranda of a hotel in Sinoia. (New York Times, 11 September 1972)

"One of the Nazis condemned to death at Nuremberg was the wartime governor of Holland who caused a civilian famine by ordering the dikes destroyed." - Anthony Lewis, New York Times, 11 September 1972

The Democratic contempt for the intelligence and memory of the American people has just hit a new low. A couple of weeks ago I received a fund appeal from something called "The Committee for Twelve", which is asking money to help 12 Democratic challengers replace 12 incumbent Republican Hawks. The clear implication is that this act will materially assist the drive for peace.

Well, for starters the endorsers of this appeal are Senators McGovern and Kennedy, and Representatives Udall and Edwards. All four of these men voted for the war - that is, for Public Law 88-408, which Attorney-General Katzenbach called "the constitutional equivalent of a declaration of war". (Congressional Record, Vol. 110, Part 14, pp. 18470 & 18555). Of the "Twelve" one, Richard McCarthy of New York, served in Congress in 1965-71. This was too late for Public Law 88-408, but on 2 March 1967 he voted

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## THE BEAKER PEOPLE LIBATION FRONT

National liberation movements for oppressed minorities are all the rage these days. They get to be most complex in regions which have been repeatedly invaded. For example, in Latin America older revolutionary movements claimed as heroes Boliver and San Martin, who led the independence movements against Spain. But now Indian leaders like Tupac Amaru are the heroes. Similarly, in France a government composed of people who led the fight against German occupation is faced with a Breton liberation movement complaining about French occupation. And in the Middle East...

However, one of the most extensively conquered and reconquered places in the world has been the British Isles. There has been a history of Saxon resentment against Norman or Danish conquest, and Keltic resentment against Saxon conquest. There are active nationalist movements in Ulster, Scotland, Wales, and even Cornwall and the Isle of Wight. The Cornish nationalist movement is reviving the Cornish language, extinct since about 1800, and the Vettis Nationalist Party is running candidates in support of the independence of this last refuge of English paganism.

But there were people in the British Isles even before the coming of the Kelts. Therefore, on the evening of Saturday 16 September, at the home of Franklin and Ann Dietz in Oradell, New Jersey, the Beaker People Libation Front was formed. This movement vows to restore the Beaker People to their rightful place in the world. Our principal means of struggle will be to, in their memory, empty as many beakers as possible.

The Founding Members of the Beaker People Libation Front are Brian Burley, Frederick Lerner, and John Boardman. Upon resolving the formation of this national liberation struggle, we immediately went out and drained several beakers at a nearby bar. Toasts were drunk to the glories of Stonehenge (built by the Beaker People), and confusion to the invading Keltic oppressors and others who have usurped the land and heritage of the Beaker People.

Further news of the revival of Beaker People nationalism will be carried in future issues of GRAUSTARK.

## 1971EC - PRESS RELEASES

MOSCOW (COULDBE): Has it ever accured to anyone that every one else in this place is a figment of Herb Barents' imagination? Think about it!

DESERET (United Rabble Rousing Press): The Bangs Leslie Tapscott Institute of Unapplied Philosophy today announced that the Bishop George Berkeley Prize would be given this year to Dutchboy Barents, the power behind the Russian throne. The Institute did not give any reasons for its award, declaring that reason was contrary to the principles upon which it was founded.

KOARSAR, POLLUTIDAR (URRP): During a filibuster in the Representative Diet, a cave-man delegate, Puu the Flatulent One, began reading recipes into the official record. In tribute to Pollutidar's conquering armies on the Outer Crust, he began with Russian Stroganoff, Sweet and Sour Russian, Museovite Flambee, and Moose Mousse. However, when he reached the section on domestic recipes and began to describe Azarian Mixed Grill, Roast Suckling Sabertooth with an Amlocapan in its mouth, and Brontosaurus Stuffed with Mezops (serves 550), there was a slight disorder on the floor of the assembly. It ended with relatively few casualties, as three Horibs were skinned for mastodon saddles, a Taragman's fangs were yanked out, and Puu was carried off by eighteen Coripis.

KOARSAR, POLLUTIDAR (URRP): Annoyed by the rioting one sleep ago in the Representative Diet, His Inferial Majesty, Honj the Horny, Emperoar of Pollutidar and Crustiest of the Inner Crust, decreed that a thorough investigation would be made. "While the sanguinary tendencies of Our subjects should be encouraged for the greater glory of Pollutidar," the Emperoar said, "all this fighting is decimating man- and thing-power that could

better be employed in our holy war against the noisy inhabitants of the Outer Crust, whose stomping on our roof is keeping us all awake."

Pursuant to his policy of reconciliation among his subjects, the tribe of the Coripi chieftain Glut announced that Puu the Flatulent One would be the guest of honor at "an old-fashioned Coripi banquet in the grand tradition". However, a Suvian caveman named Chip the Chiseling One defiantly informed the Emperor that he had already converted the Taragman's fangs into scrimshaw work showing "true-born and human cave-dwellers triumphant over all the inferior species that infest the Inner Crust."

In related news, a Jukan medicine man, after treating one of the participants in the riot for yellow jaundice, announced that he had given up his work on the grounds that the man is a Xexot.

HEELSPINTER (HOT): Robot Alone, carrying his torch, moves slowly though the under world of Pollutidar. Robot Alone stops at every corner to keep a careful eye out for any of the beasts that roam though out the under world passages.

Alas he sees a small light. At the corner of 40th and Vine he spies a young beautiful chick. At once he slithers up to her, leading on her ear he says "Have you seen a wierd guy in pj's and dark blue glasses wieghing 234 lbs?" At which she replies cockadoodle doooooo.

PHONEY BALONEY (PHOOEY): In recent American press, the words of this country have been misprinted. Therefore the Government of Phoney Baloney have sent word to said people to ask for a retractment of said words, or the correct translation of said words. The Government, annouced that it would declare war and what ever else it will take to get the American press to see it the way od Phoney Baloney. Rumors have it that they are suing for something like 123,456,789,000 Phoney dollars.

HELLES POINTED (HOTTER): We left our hero Hasha as the Vamp Coo Kayined put her teeth into Hasha. As we return to the scene of the crime we find Hasha and Coo Kayined together and talking to eachother.

"Man, oh man, that was really good, Coo."

"Yes I know"

"Maybe I some do this sort of thing more offen"

"Ofcourse, darling. I can do the trick for you any old time and in fact the more you use me the more you need me. That, My dear Hasha means that you Have to be closer to me all the time".

At which Hasha returns to his senses. Oh no! thinks Hasha, she wants my body! Not only that but she wants to get married to me! Thus upon thinking about it, he leaves the scene in a great haste.

Thus with the whole under world after him, will Hasha be able to get away to freedom once again? Will he beable to live his normal life again after tasting the kisses of Coo Kayined? Oh dear, turn in next time for the adventures of Hasha Hisha.

HOLLAND (DYKES): The press were given an interview with Geertrud van Geij, today. In this interview she compltly dennouced the attempt, on the part of the URRP to link her with the chacter of Herbert Barents. She flatly denied all any rumors that he was once a part of her. She went on to say that Dutch Boys are nice guys. "After all wasn't it a Dutch Boy that plugged the hole in the dyke many years ago!"

BROOKLYN (URRP): The United Rabble Rousing Press denied that it was deliberately garbling Russian despatches. "We will be glad," said a spokesman, "to give correct translations of them - as soon as we find out what language we must translate them from."

BOTTOMLESS PLUNGEHOLE, MEROAKIA (IDUNNO): The Phumphan Phorign Phorces set up camp a mile from the camp where they were viciously attacked by Inner-world animals. Three hours after setting up camp, one of the animals was found to have escaped by eating the bars of its cage. It ate threec Phumphans before it became nauseous and died. In the meantime, a group of ainals attacked the camp. The attack was beaten off easily, killing 3,689 of the animals and causing two deaths among the Phumphans. The ani-

als were especially affoeted by the cola, which caused them to rot almost instantly. During the fight, the caged animals were accidentally killed by a recording of the war yell of Sophia Septimus VIII. Robert of Abalone has decided that the country of 'Pollutidar' could not exist, due to the presence of the vicious animals.

BOTTOMLESS PLUNGEHOLE, MEROAKIA (IDUNNO): The expedition to find and destroy Pollutidar, having failed, is moving up the bottomless plungehole, wiping out animals and blasting the tunnels out of existence to prevent these vicious creatures from getting to Phumpha. When one tunnel was blasted, another was revealed. What appeared to be a human being stepped out and said (transliterated) "Me is dutchboy on cover world like quortle. Snurfle glaekle ertwillick manniet poobah Russia or Ruritania. Mickie dies ev oi sarched fer sooch hooman beengs cowfnowski. Koolanna meeka praj?" Robert of Abalone, seeing that he couldn't speak, declared him an animal and had him shot.

BOTTOMLESS PLUNGEHOLE, MEROAKIA (IDUNNO): Robert of Abalone admitted that the Phumphan expedition was lost, but evinced high hopes. "If we just keep going, eventually we'll hit Phumpha or Philadelphia, or Pollutidar, if it exists. We just have to keep it from the soldiers, so they don't panic," he said to the expedition's second in command, on the loudspeaker system.

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against a bill to ban money for "military operations in or over North Vietnam". (Congressional Record, Vol. 113, Part 4, p. 5156, concerning H. R. 4515) What the other eleven are like we can guess from this example.

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